

Remarks

Claims 1-28, 30, 31, 36-38, 45, 46, 48, 50, 52, and 54-69 are pending in the application following entry of this Amendment. Claims 29, 47, 49, 51, and 53 have been canceled in this Amendment, and claims 32-35, 39-44 were previously canceled. Claims 9, 10, 15, 18, 25, 30, 45, 52, and 54 have been amended. Claims 55-69 have been added. Claims 1, 30, 31, 36, 38, 45, and 46 are the only independent claims pending.

No new matter is added by the amendments and additions made herein. Support for the amendments to these claims is found in the specification as follows.

Tables 1 and 3 in the specification were altered only by correcting the spelling of "Platypleura capensis." The Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out this spelling error. Enclosed with this Amendment are Google Internet search results for "Paltypelura capensis" (i.e., the incorrect spelling originally included in the specification - no results and a suggested correct spelling) and "Platypleura capensis" (i.e., several cicada-related search results). Also enclosed is a web page indicating that "Platyplura capensis" is a recognized name for a certain cicada. The Applicants respectfully contend that an artisan skilled in this field would recognize "Platypeura" (Table 1 as filed) and "Paltypelura" (Table 3 as filed) to be misspellings of the known genus "Platypleura" and that this correction would be immediately obvious to such an artisan.

Changes to amended claims 9, 10, 15, 18, 25, 30, and 45 are merely grammatical corrections.

In claims 52 and 54, "hormone" (which is not recited in the claims from which each depends) has been replaced with "compound" (which is recited in those base claims).

Newly added claims 55-69 simply recite the insect adipokinetic hormones disclosed in the specification (e.g., see Tables 1 and 3 at pages 10-16 of the specification). There are three sets of new claims - i) claims 55-59, each depending from claim 1; ii) claims 60-64, each depending from claim 36; and iii) claims 65-69, each depending from claim 38. The three groups of new claims are identical, except for their dependencies.

Restriction Requirement

All presently pending claims are believed to be within the elected Group and it is believed that the elected species reads on all of the presently pending claims.

Claim Rejections and Objections

In item 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 51-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Claims 51 and 53 have been canceled. Claims 52 and 54 have been amended to recite "compound" in place of "hormone," and the Examiner's rejection is believed to be no longer applicable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are requested.

In item 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to grammatical errors in claims 9, 10, 25, 30, and 45. The Applicants believe that appropriate corrections have been made in this Amendment and ask that the Examiner withdraw these objections.

Summary

Early and favorable reconsideration of claims 1-28, 30, 31, 36-38, 45, 46, 48, 50, 52, and 54-69 and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Google Web Search Results for "Paltypelura capensis"
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 Web Page demonstrating correctness of spelling of "Platypelura capensis"